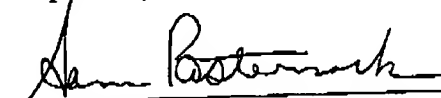


Remarks

First of all, the undersigned attorney, Dr. Neil Singer and Albert Jacobs, Jr., Esq. wish to thank Examiners Thomas Lee and Chun Cao for according them an interview on March 13, 2001. The specification is being amended herein to recite a claim of priority which claim was originally made in the transmittal letter of March 4, 1999 when this application was filed. The independent claims remaining in this case, claims 148, 161, 164, 167, 187, 188, 191 and 192 are being amended herein. Support for this language may be found throughout specification.

During the interview U.S. Patent Nos. 5,282,100; 5,465,034; and 5,973,871 were discussed. These patents are generally directed to noise reduction in disk drives. U.S. Patent 5,982,570 was also discussed. Applicant stated its position that there was no teaching, suggestion nor motivation to combine the user selectability of modes in U.S. Patent No. 5,982,570 with the other patents discussed. The applicants also pointed out that the prior art as a whole did not teach or suggest allowing selection of a quick or quiet mode by changing seek trajectory shape to reduce unwanted frequencies by shaping input signals to a data storage device. The examiners indicated that the claims as amended herein appear to be patentable over the prior art of record and that the claims are allowable subject to an update of the search of the prior art. Formal allowance of pending claims 148-151, 156, 159-161, 164, 167 and 187-192 is respectfully requested.

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